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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4243

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4243 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 10-20.9a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.9a) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.9a)

7 Sec. 10-20.9a. Final grade; promotion.

8 (a) Teachers shall administer the approved marking system  
9 or other approved means of evaluating pupil progress. The  
10 teacher shall maintain the responsibility and right to  
11 determine grades and other evaluations of students within the  
12 grading policies of the district based upon his or her  
13 professional judgment of available criteria pertinent to any  
14 given subject area or activity for which he or she is  
15 responsible. District policy shall provide the procedure and  
16 reasons by and for which a grade may be changed; provided that

1 no grade or evaluation shall be changed without notification  
2 to the teacher concerning the nature and reasons for such  
3 change. If such a change is made, the person making the change  
4 shall assume such responsibility for determining the grade or  
5 evaluation, and shall initial such change.

6 (b) School districts shall not promote students to the  
7 next higher grade level based upon age or any other social  
8 reasons not related to the academic performance of the  
9 students. On or before September 1, 1998, school boards shall  
10 adopt and enforce a policy on promotion as they deem necessary  
11 to ensure that students meet local goals and objectives and  
12 can perform at the expected grade level prior to promotion.  
13 Decisions to promote or retain students in any classes shall  
14 be based on successful completion of the curriculum,  
15 attendance, performance based on the assessments required  
16 under Section 2-3.64a-5 of this Code, the Iowa Test of Basic  
17 Skills, or other testing or any other criteria established by  
18 the school board. Students determined by the local district to  
19 not qualify for promotion to the next higher grade shall be  
20 provided remedial assistance, which may include, but shall not  
21 be limited to, a summer bridge program of no less than 90  
22 hours, tutorial sessions, increased or concentrated  
23 instructional time, modifications to instructional materials,  
24 and retention in grade.

25 (c) No public high school of a school district shall  
26 withhold a student's grades, transcripts, or diploma because

1 of an unpaid balance on the student's school account.

2 (Source: P.A. 98-972, eff. 8-15-14.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
4 becoming law.".